



**Request for Continued
Examination (RCE)
Transmittal**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application No.	09/699,303
Filing Date	October 27, 2000
Named Inventor(s)	
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Group/Art Unit	1751
Examiner Name	Charles I. Boyer
Attorney Docket No.	09328.105016

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*. Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1222 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on January 13, 2003. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- iii. ☐ Other _____.
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Reference to Specification Support; One Month Petition for Extension of Time.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____.

3. Fees

(The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.
- i. ☒ RCE Fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____.
- b. ☒ Checks in the amount of \$750.00 and \$110.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

Signature of Applicant, Attorney or Agent Required

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Luo et al.

Serial No. 09/699,303

Filing Date: October 27, 2000

Title: Deinking Method and
Composition for Wastepaper

Examiner: C. Boyer

Art Unit: 1751

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REFERENCE TO SPECIFICATION SUPPORT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Advisory Action mailed in the above application on January 29, 2003, the Examiner mentioned that the specification might lack written description support for recycled newsprint. In response thereto, Applicants refer the Examiner to page 2, lines 3-5, and example 12. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 404-572-3513 should he have any questions concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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